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In re Application of:

HEINZ SCHALLER et al.

) Examiner:) Quang Nguyen, PhD

Appl. No.: 09/383,978

Group Art Unit: 1632

Filed: August 26, 1998

For: METHODS AND COMPOSITION FOR EXPRESSING HETEROLOGOUS GENES IN HEPATOCYTES USING HEPADNAVIRAL

VECTORS

RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION dated February 14, 2001

Box Fee Amendments (Pats) Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on August 14, 2001

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SIR:

This communication is in response to the Official Action of February 14, 2001, having a shortened period for response terminating May 14, 2001.

The Commissioner is hereby petitioned to extend the period for response to above-referenced Official Action by THREE months until August 14, 2001.

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